Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major George A. Arends' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals who leave the comforts of their home and family to nobly serve a cause greater than themselves; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Arends has devoted over 35 years of his life making sacrifices that demonstrated no mission was too hard, no challenge was too great, and through tests and trials he emerged stronger than before; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership as a senior noncommissioned officer, field artilleryman, and his service in Iraq and Kuwait have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country, and it is a privilege to honor his success, his sacrifice, and his service; and,

Whereas, Command Sergeant Major Arends continues to give of himself, and our future is brighter thanks to his dedication; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Command Sergeant Major George A. Arends for over 35 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2017, as

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GEORGE A. ARENDS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State